(c) if so, for how long Government would keep on pretending that it would run campaign against telecast of obscene programmes by these channels and by when the existing laws would be strictly implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A show cause notice has been issued recently to one of the news channels for telecast of an alleged sex scandal.

In another case, the permission of uplinking of one entertainment channel was suspended for a period fo 30 days for violating the Programme Code by telecasting a movie with objectionable content. Government is taking suitable steps against erring channels from time to time.

Advertisement in Panchjanya

4108. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given an advertisement in the Newspaper 'Panchjanya' on the 7th March, 2004 for an event/function much later than the actual date of function;

(b) whether it is not a violation of the guidelines issued by not giving the advertisement through DAVP; and

(c) how much payment has been made against such advertisement?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No advertisement was issued through DAVP. However, facts are being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

DTH licence for Space TV

4109. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Space TV company has applied for grant of DTH licence and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry of Company Affairs has stated that application of the Space TV is against DTH guidelines;

(c) whether the Ministry of Company Affairs has also commented on the pattern of the shareholder agreement between Tata Sons and Star TV Group for Space TV application for DTH and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have finally decided to reject the Space TV application for DTH licence and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The Government has received an application for grant of DTH licence from M/s Space TV, which is a joint venture of M/s Tata Sons and M/s Network Digital Distribution Services (NDDS).

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Company Affairs has made certain observations on the shareholders' agreement between M/s Tata Sons and M/s NDDS, in the context of the DTH guidelines and provisions of the Companies Act, 1956. M/s Space TV have now been asked to furnish the requisite details to facilitate further examination of their application.

Telecasting by Bangalore DD Kendra

4110. SHRI K B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken by the Bangalore Doordarshan Kendra to revive the daily movie programme and telecast of quality Kannada films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Prasar Bharati has informed that revival of this slot is dependent upon the overall programme requirements of the Kendra and availability of Kannada films offered by the rights holders as per Doordarshan's current rate structure.

Co-production agreements

4111. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: